

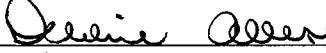
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In re Application of: § Group Art Unit: **1712**
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METHODS OF DRILLING IN
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON AUGUST 23, 2007

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 14 of this paper.